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Hi Tom,

Hope this finds you well. It was nice catching up with you and Kelley in San Diego.

I am in the process of putting together a 2015 North Carolina Award nomination for Linda. The 2015 North Carolina Award is very prestigious award with previous winners including Maya Angelou and James Taylor. Linda would be nominated in the Science category. We truly feel Dr. Birnbaum is deserving of this award, especially on the basis of all she has done for the local community and universities.

I was wondering if you (and/or Gina?) would be willing to supply a written letter of support for this award. I have attached the award nomination, a copy of Dr. Birnbaum's full CV, a copy of her work during the last 5 years, and a draft letter created for Dr. Francis Collins, Director of NIH, to send. We thought this last item might be used as a sample of what we are looking for.

Unfortunately I have been out of the office since SOT and the turnaround time is short. I would need the letter by April 22nd at the latest as the deadline is April 24.

Thank you so much for considering this request. Below are two links: one to a newspaper article on the award and the other to the award itself.

<http://www.salisburypost.com/2015/03/10/nominate-a-community-leader-for-the-north-carolina-award/>

<http://www.ncdcr.gov/NC Awards/Nominations/Submit>

Thanks,

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